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## Amendments to the Specification

## Please delete previous abstract at page 44 and add the following new abstract:

Techniques are described for identifying an individual by using only a portable communication device. Biological information of the user is input into the communication device. The inputted biological information of the user is checked with reference biological information previously stored in the portable communication device. Then, only in the case where the checking has matched, the authentication information is transmitted to a server or a connection from the portable communication device.

Attachment following last page of this Amendment:

Replacement Sheet having abstract (1 page).